

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2016 – SB 1994

February 28, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the weighted caseload formula devised by the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to be provided to the General Assembly no later than January 1 of each year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013436): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the 21st Judicial District be reorganized into Circuit 21A to consist of Williamson County and Circuit 21B to consist of Hickman, Lewis, and Perry Counties for the purpose of allocating judicial personnel. Creates a new position of Division V Circuit Judge for Circuit 21B initially appointed by the Governor and subsequently elected by qualified voters in Hickman, Lewis, and Perry Counties beginning in FY20-21. Requires qualified voters of Williamson County to elect the 21st Judicial District Division I, II, III, and IV judges beginning in FY22-23. Gives judges of all Divisions assigned to 21st Judicial District Circuit 21A and Circuit 21B jurisdiction to hear and decide cases in either circuit of the district.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$24,800/One-Time
\$269,800/Recurring**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The provisions of this legislation will result in the appointment of one judge to Circuit 21B of the 21st Judicial District.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the judge position is estimated to be \$216,153 (\$172,740 salary + \$35,913 benefits + \$2,000 communication + \$500 supplies + \$3,000 legal subscriptions + \$2,000 travel).

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- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 16-2-505(c), upon the election of a judicial district judge, a secretary position is created for that judge. This analysis assumes the secretary will be hired upon the appointment of the judge by the Governor.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the secretary position is estimated to be \$53,658 (\$39,800 salary + \$13,858 benefits).
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$24,800 (\$8,000 computer costs + \$16,800 office furniture).
- The cumulative recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$269,811 (\$216,153 + \$ 53,658).
- Division judge elections will be held during regularly-scheduled general elections; therefore, any impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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